



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

Thank you for your letter about the NFL's response to incidents of domestic violence. Your leadership in reducing violence against women has made such a difference, and I very much look forward to working with you to continue these efforts. All of us at the NFL recognize that we have a responsibility to improve our response to family violence. I want to assure you that we take this responsibility seriously, we have committed ourselves to fixing our policies and procedures, and we will work to make this an opportunity to learn and share broadly the best policies for handling domestic violence and sexual assault, which continue to affect too many Americans, including women and children, in every community across the nation.

I appreciate your concern that the NFL must demonstrate a zero tolerance for such violence and also that we have in place a process to provide the right incentives for those at risk to seek support as early as possible, even where law enforcement has not been involved. We agree with these goals. I know that Commissioner Goodell has written to you to describe the actions we are taking to ensure that all NFL personnel understand that domestic violence and sexual assault are unacceptable, to improve our handling of such incidents involving NFL personnel, and to become positive leaders on this issue nationally. The work we have started will continue over the long term, and we will add to the actions already begun as we learn more and identify more positive steps. I will reach out to your office this week to discuss in detail what we are doing and to seek input on our efforts.

Please call me if you have any questions about what the League is doing on this subject. I look forward to a continuing discussion with you and working together to reduce domestic violence wherever it occurs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Hogan".

Cynthia C. Hogan
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